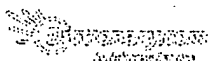


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-noun

- a hollow, usually cylindrical body of metal, glass, rubber, or other material, used esp. for conveying or containing liquids or gases.
- a small, collapsible, cylinder of metal or plastic sealed at one end and having a capped opening at the other from which paint, toothpaste, or some other semifluid substance may be squeezed.
- Anatomy, Zoology.* any hollow, cylindrical vessel or organ: the bronchial tubes.
- Botany.*
 - any hollow, elongated body or part.
 - the united lower portion of a gamopetalous corolla or a gamosepalous calyx.
- INNER TUBE.
- Electronics.* ELECTRON TUBE.
- Informal.*
 - TELEVISION.
 - a television set.
- MAILING TUBE.
- the tubular tunnel in which an underground railroad runs.
- the railroad itself.
- Surfing Slang.* the curled hollow formed on the underside of a cresting wave.
- British.* SUBWAY (def. 1).
- Australian Slang.* a can of beer.
- Older Slang.* a telescope.

-verb (used with object)

- to furnish with a tube or tubes.
- to convey or enclose in a tube.
- to form into the shape of a tube; make tubular.

-Idiom

- down the tube or tubes, *Informal.* into a ruined, wasted, or abandoned state or condition.

Origin:

1590-1600; < L *tubus* pipe

Related forms:

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-noun

1. Also called, *especially British*, **tube**, **underground**. an underground electric railroad, usually in a large city.

3. to be transported by a subway: *We subwayed uptown.*

1820-30; SUB- + WAY

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Tube

Tube, n. (Elec. Railways) A tunnel for a tube railway; also (Colloq.), a tube railway. [Chiefly Eng.]

Tube

Tube, n. [L. tubus; akin to tuba a trumpet: cf F. tube.]

1. A hollow cylinder, of any material, used for the conveyance of fluids, and for various other purposes; a pipe.
2. A telescope. "Glazed optic tube." --Milton.
3. A vessel in animal bodies or plants, which conveys a fluid or other substance.
4. (Bot.) The narrow, hollow part of a gamopetalous corolla.
5. (Gun.) A priming tube, or friction primer. See under Priming, and Friction.
6. (Steam Boilers) A small pipe forming part of the boiler, containing water and surrounded by flame or hot gases, or else surrounded by water and forming a flue for the gases to pass through.
7. (Zool.) (a) A more or less cylindrical, and often spiral, case secreted or constructed by many annelids, crustaceans, insects, and other animals, for protection or concealment. See Illust. of Tubeworm. (b) One of the siphons of a bivalve mollusk.

Capillary tube, a tube of very fine bore. See Capillary.

Fire tube (Steam Boilers), a tube which forms a flue.

Tube coral. (Zool.) Same as Tubipore.

Tube foot (Zool.), one of the ambulacral suckers of an echinoderm.

Tube plate, or Tube sheet (Steam Boilers), a flue plate. See under Flue.

Tube pouch (Mil.), a pouch containing priming tubes.

Tube spinner (Zool.), any one of various species of spiders that construct tubelike webs. They belong to Tegenaria, Agelena, and allied genera.

Water tube (Steam Boilers), a tube containing water and surrounded by flame or hot gases.

Tube

Tube, v. t. (imp. & p. p. Tubed; p. pr. & vb. n. Tubing.) To furnish with a tube; as, to tube a well.

Language Translation for : tube

Spanish: **tubo, tubería**, German: **das Rohr**,
Japanese: **パイプ**

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1611, from M.Fr. tube (1460), from L. tubus "tube, pipe," of unknown origin (H.D. Browne, in the "Londoner" of June 30, 1900); tube for "from 1959, short for cathode ray tube or picture tube. Tube top as a form of a tube or pipe," but the modern slang sense is from 1982, is attested from 1963 as "frankfurter," slang meaning "penis" is recorded.

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Main Entry: ¹tube

Pronunciation: 't(y)üb

Function: *noun*

1 : a slender channel within a plant or animal body : DUCT —see BRONCHIAL TUBE, EUSTACHIAN TUBE, FALLOPIAN TUBE

2a : an often complex piece of laboratory or technical apparatus usually of glass and commonly serving to isolate or convey a product of reaction tube> b : TEST TUBE

3 : a collapsible cylindrical container (as of metal or plastic) from which a paste is dispensed by squeezing tube>

4 : a hollow cylindrical device (as a cannula) used for insertion into bodily passages or hollow organs for removal or injection of materials

Main Entry: ²tube

Function: *transitive verb*

Inflected Forms: tubed; tub-ing

: to furnish with, enclose in, or pass through a tube tubed — *Anesthesia Digest*>

tube (t&oomacr;b, ty&oomacr;b)

n.

1. A hollow cylinder, especially one that conveys a fluid or functions as a passage.
2. An anatomical structure or organ having the shape or function of a tube; a duct.

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